Yellow Sheets Now Have the Job of Discrediting Testimony of Lee and Wheeler

WARNER, WELBORN AND DAVIS CONVENTION MALL

RISSBLICAN RALLY

N TO BE OPENED AT CON-STION HALL TO-NIGHT.

CROWD EXPECTED

WARNER AND WELBORN.

Prominent Republicans From St. Louis and Other Towns Will Be Present-Flambeau Club to Parade-Local Political News.

The big rally of Republicans at Convention hall this evening, that will mark the opening of the campaign in Kansas City, Jackson county, and the Fifth district, has attracted unusual attention among the leading workers of the party all over the state. importance has been recognized and it will be attended by representatives of the national committee, the state chairman and the state candidates, the congressional candidate, the county candidates and hosts of Republicans from the western portion of souri. It bids fair to be one of the most important gatherings of the party in the western portion of the state for the campaign and is expected to have a mighty influence locally and all over the western part of the state.

part of the state.

The very great interest felt in the gathering and the importance that is attached to it by the party leaders all over the state is a recognition of the work of the Kansas City Republicans that is highly satisfactory to the local managers of party affairs. They figure that such a successful meeting will give the Republican cause here a very great impetus and be of great value during the campaign.

the campaign.

Major William Warner, United States district attorney, and one of the strongest of the pioneer Republicans in the state, will deliver an address on the political situation and the issues of the day as the Republican party views them. There is much in the situation to warrant the prediction that Major Warner will make one of the best speeches he has ever made in the state.

Webster Davis, assistant secretary of the Webster Davis, assistant secretary of the interior, who is the representative of the national administration in his tour of the West, will speak. He is just in from a highly successful tour of half a dozen states, where he has spoken to thousands of voters, and been given a welcome at all points that was marked for its heartiness and warmth. He has spoken with great results and comes fresh from a long string of successes to address the people string of successes to address the people string of successes to address the people of the city he loves to call his home in the great Convention hall they have erect-ed. His eloquence as an orator is known

Prominent Men to Be Present.

Hon. John Welborn, the candidate for congress in the Fifth district, will make his initial appearance before a Kansas City audience as a political speaker. He in harmony with the teachings and pre-cepts of the Republican party, and in close sympathy with the national administra-

tion.
Hon. Richard C. Kerens, of St. Louis, national committeeman from Missouri, will also be present to take part in the meet-

also be present to take part in the meeting and to encourage that spirit or hearty assistance that is being shown the state committee and the party speakers by the voters all over the state.

State Chairman Tom Akins is coming from St. Louis to attend the gathering to collect all the inspiration he can from the enthusiastic meeting. He is highly pleased with the situation in the state.

Wendell S. Hathaway, of Mexico, Republican candidate for railroad and warepublican candidate for railroad and ware-house commissioner, will be on hand, and so will Professor John R. Kirk, of Jefferson

he superintendent of public schools state, who is a candidate for reof the state, who is a candidate for reclection.

Hon. Gustavus A. Finkeinburg, of St.
Louis, and Judge Edward Higbee, of Lancaster, candidates for supreme judges, have
each been invited and may be present, although it is not certain they will be.

Hon. James H. Harkless, one of the fighting Republicans of Jackson county and the
state for many years, will have the honor
of presiding at the first gathering held in
Convention hall. His name was a happy
choice for the occasion. For many years
he has been closely associated with the
old guard of the party that has been fighting the battles in the state since the war,
and has rendered valiant service at all
times. At the same time, he has been
actively engaged in the work of the youngand has rendered valiant service at all times. At the same time, he has been actively engaged in the work of the younger Republicans all over the state and is closely in touch with that large and ambitious element of the organization. He thus stands for both the elements that compose the splendid fighting strength of the party and as such is just the man to

party and as such is just the man to ide over the rally of all Republicans Crowd Will Be Large.

The indications point to a very large gathering of local Republicans, as there is a widespread interest in the speakers and in the success of the gathering. The Eighth ward, the home of Webster Davis when he was living here, will turn out en masse to do henor to their former coworker, who comes here under such auspicious circumstances. The Eighth ward club with 800 members, headed by the flambeau club of fifty men, will march from Turner hall to the Convention hall and will use \$500 worth of fireworks as they make the march. The club, headed by Blackburn's band, will leave Turner hall at 7:55 and march west on Twelfth street to Wainut, north to Tenth, east to Main and thence to Thirteenth and west is a widespread interest in the speakers ain and thence to Thirteenth and west a Thirteenth to Convention hall. It will a splendid display. The Third Regiment band, fifty strong.

start at 7 o'clock from the Midland l and march through the streets of business part of the city to Conven-

orate arrangements have been made seating the people in Convention hall everything in the big building will be and everything in the big building will be in readiness for the meeting. Mr. Davis will reach the city this morning from Atchison, where he spoke last evening. A delegation will go there on the early train this morning to escort him to the city. Major Warner will come up from Springheld to-day to attend the gathering and Colonel John Welborn, with a large delegation from Lexington, will arrive this morning to spend the day with local Republicans and attend the gathering this evening. evening.

Letters to Chairman Yost.

Chairman Charlie Yost, of the county ommittee, has received the following letters from the prominent party leaders, who

will be here this evening.

Judge Finkelnburg, of St. Louis, writes: Judge Finkeinburg, of St. Louis, writes:
"It has not been customary for candidates for Judge of the supreme court to make speeches in the campaign and it is my opinion, and that of my friends, that I ought not to break into this old rule. ermally, however, and among them Kan to meet and shake hands with my and I am trying to arrange to b friends, and I am trying to arrange to be up Saturday morning, but it clashes with other matters which I have on hand and I may not be able to make it. If I come I will of course call on you, and if I cannot come I will write you, but in view of what I have said above do not announce me as a part of the programme of the meeting to be held. Very respectfully yours, "G. A. FINKELNBURG."

Mr. Hathaway, of Mexico, writes as follows:

"It will afford me pleasure to be present tions, Rates, \$2 and \$2.59. O. B. Stanton, prop.

st your opening meeting of the campaign in Jackson county and congressional district on Saturday evening. October 8, at the Convention hall in Kansas City. I am glad to be able to report a good feeling and unusual confidence on the part of Republicans in all parts of the state I have visited. Very truly yours,

"W. S. HATHAWAY."

State Superintendent John Kirk writes:
"I have your kind letter of October 4 inviting me to be present at the opening of your county and congressional campaign at Convention hall, October 8, I shall be with you and hope it may prove to be the opening of the greatest Republican landslide Jackson county has ever witnessed. Sincerely yours.

"JOHN R. KIRK."

SPEECHES TO BE MADE BY DAVIS, BEGIN THEIR CROOKED WORK, HER NAME AND HIS HAD BEEN UN-Court House Gang Busily Engaged in Planning a Repetition of Bal-

lotbox Outrages.

and bulldozing the men who cannot be controlled by the court house gang has been undertaken by the emissaries of the candidates and the county committee and is being pushed all over the Eastern poction of the county. Democrats who have been suspected of an Intention to scratch the gang ticket this fall are receiving calls from workers in the pay of the Democratic organization and candidates, and are in-formed that if they do scratch the ticket

a brother of Mrs. William McKinley, was organization and candidates, and are informed that if they do scratch the ticket this fall they will be marked for the future by the party and will be punished. It is intimated that their bailots will be seen and the gang will know exactly how they voted and will keep the record.

This statement shows that the gang has already planned its usual campaign of stealing and ballot box plunder and that the time of stealing and ballot box plunder and that the thieves will be afraid to do the work and the gang will not care to shoulder the responsibility. There is no way that any man's ballot can be inspected and the information made public or passed about without the violation of law, except in a contest for office. The gang has robbed the ballot of its secrecy here before, as was shown in the case of J. Scott Harrison when Senator Vest disclosed in the senate at Washington information that could only have been secured by theft.

The gang is scared this fall, and it will steal and rob and plunder more than ever if it becomes necessary, and the only way to prevent it is to make the gang overthrow so emphatic that the stealing would be so much on the wholesale order that it would be detected.

The gang has found out that a very large element of the oldtime solid taxpaying Democrates of the county are disgusted with the frauds and crookedness, and are not going to support the gang ticket this fall. Many of these men do not care a rap who knows what they propose to do Others are in business where any political persecution would harm them fifancially, and they do not care to encounter it. They are against the gang, and expect to vote against a portion or all of the ticket. They feel, however, that with the state laws as they are, the ballot they cast ought to be kept secret unless it is uncovered in a lawful manner.

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Populists Meet and Select Men to Represent Them at Independence

Convention. represent Kansas City in the Fifth con-

Jackson county to ette county to ten. MR. BENTON'S HUGE TASK. He Will Try to Show the Necessity of

Returning Cowherd to Congress. Congressman M. E. Benton, of the Fif- had been threatened. teenth district, will speak to the Demorats of Kansas City Monday evening at rincipally in the interest of Congressman owherd, and he is expected to satisfy

Cowherd during his two years in con-gress. So far there has been no informa-tion made public on that line. WILL ARRIVE TO-DAY. Webster Davis Will Be the Guest of Postmaster Barnes During His

Stay in K. C. K. Postmaster Barnes, of Kansas City, Kas., received a telegram from Hon. Webster Davis, dated from Atchison, stating that he would arrive in Kansas City to-day. Mr. Davis is to be the principal speaker at a big Republican raily to be held in the wigwam on Huron place, Kansas City, Kas., to-night, Upon his arrival in the city Mr. Davis will be escorted to the home of Mr. Barnes, where a formal reception has been arranged in his honor.

Democratic Campaign Dates.

Congressman Cowherd and Frank Walsh Congressman Cowherd and Frank Walsh will speak at Lee's Summit October 10 at 2 o'clock; at Blue Springs the 11th, at 8; at Stbley the 12th, at 8, and at Oak Grove, October 13, at 8 o'clock. Some of the county candidates will be with them. J. A. Reed and some other candidates will speak at Levasy October 11, at 8 o'clock; at Greenwood the 13th, at 8; at Tarsney the 14th, at 8, and Lake City the 15th, at 8. Frank Johnson, one of the ex-police comrank Johnson, one of the ex-police com-vissioners, will speak at Grain Valley on

Historic Steamer to Be Broken Up. SAN FRANCISCO. Oct. 7.—The old steamer. Professor Morse, which assisted the Great Eastern to lay the first cable across the Atlantic, is lying at the Fulton from works and will probably be broken up. She was purchased in New Orleans for \$18.000 and brought here to run to the Klondike, but the boom was over before she arrived her boilers have been condemned, and it is

Seventh Cavalry at St. Louis. ST. LOUIS, Oct. 7.—Four troops of the famous Seventh United States cavalry, with Major Hayes in command, arrived here to-day from the West. Troops G and H came from Fort Apache and A and M from Fort Duchessne. U. After a short stop, the cavalrymen proceeded on to Huntsville, Ala., where they will be joined later by the remaining troops of the Seventh, and all will go to Cuba.

Close Friend of McKinley Dead. YOUNGSTOWN, O., Oct. 7.—Captain lames L. Botford died last night after a James L. Botford died last night after a short fliness, aged 66 years. He was a close personal friend of the president and was quartermaster general of Ohio dur-ing President McKinley's term as govern-or. Recently the president appointed him assistant quartermaster general with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

Governor Smith Much Better. LOS ANGELES, CAL., Oct. 7 .- The conome, is much improved this morning. He assed a restful night and is now without

PLEASANTLY LINKED.

The usual campaign work of bullying Her Divorced Husband Had Sued Him for Allenating Her Affections and the Case Was Compromised for \$1,825 Last Wednesday.

> CANTON, O., Oct. 7 .- George D. Saxton, a brother of Mrs. William McKinley, was shot dead at 6:30 o'clock this evening in

got off at Hazlette avenue, near the Alt-ELECTED SIXTEEN DELEGATES. house home. About 8 o'clock she was arrested by the police officers and lecked up. Trouble in locating her was due principally to the fact that she moved from her

old home yesterday. Mrs. George is the divorced wife of Sample C. George, who formerly was a tenant Twelve doughty and determined Populists, of Saxton in his downtown business block, met last evening in Union Labor hall for conducting a dressmaking business. Her di-the purpose of electing sixteen delegates to vorce was obtained in Dakota and a progressional district convention which assembles in Independence next Monday. These delegates were selected:
E. A. Strickland, D. H. Todd.
S. M. Ford, Harvey Barkis,
S. U. Clute, H. W. Pulliam,
J. P. Schmitz, C. D. Whitehead,
William Sams, D. W. Moore,
A. J. Curtis, Thomas H. West,
M. Bridges, H. C. George,
Calvin Gibbs, The convention at Independence will nominate a candidate for congress and name a congressional committee. It will consist of fifty-one members. Kansas City is entitled to sixteen, the remaining part of for damages. gressional district convention which as- husband against Saxton, charged that Sax-

ntitled to sixteen, the remaining part of for damages, ackson county to twenty-five, and Lafay- Mrs. George Mrs. George has also had several cases against Saxton, claiming the detention of furniture, the defense of Saxton being that the articles were held for overdue rent on the rooms. Mrs. Althouse, in front whose house the shooting occurred, several months ago began peace proceedings against Mrs. George, alleging that her life

For some time past Mrs. George has been living at No. 1516 West Tuscarawas street Turner hall. His visit to Kansas City is about five blocks away from where the shooting occurred. Early in the week she is said to have packed up her household goods to have them shipped to her mother's home at Hanoverton. Since her goods have been gone she has been living at the rooms of Mrs. Jake Oberlin, in the same house. She left the house at 9 o'clock

this morning and did not return. While the officers were talking to Mrs. Oberlin to-night, Mrs. George was seen coming across a lot near by. As she attempted to go around the house to get in the back way, she was put under arrest by the officers and brought to police headquarters. When she was brought into the station she seemed to be self possessed She was given a chair and one of the officers took a small cape which she carried and placed it on the table. Prosecuting Attorney Pomerent, who was present, pulled his chair in front of her and said: "Mrs. George, where were you about 6

o'clock?" Mrs. George called Turnkey Becherer and whispered something in his ear. He spoke to the prosecuting attorney and then told her that he could not grant her request. The question as to her whereabouts at the hour named was repeated. She answered in a perfectly calm and quiet tone:

"Pardon me, sir; I will talk when the proper time comes. "Did you go out on the street cars about

There was no answer to the question. will say to you, Mrs. George," said the prosecutor, "that if you had nothing to do with this, we will not detain you a moment."

There was no answer, and the prosecutor said: "Do you know why the officers brought you here?" "Do you know that Mr. Saxton is dead?"

was the next question that was put to her by the prosecutor. There was no answer save a slight twitching of the lips. Mr. Pomerent then said:

"It has been said to me that you threat-There was still no answer. did you get off the car at John Welss' corner and go across lots?" was

asked, and still no answer. "Did you have any business there at that "Why did you come up through the swamp to Tuscarawas street, and where did you come from?"

Still no answer. "Will you tell us where you have been since 5 o'clock? I notice there are a great many burns on your dress. Will you tell where you got them?"

Not a muscle of Mrs. George's face moved, and her head did not move a particle to see whether there were any burns on her dress. This ended the examination. Mrs. George was taken into the women's horse astride.

department, and an examination was made. Nothing was found on her. The skin of her hands was scraped, and will be analyzed to see whether there are any traces of powder on them. She was locked up to

wait a hearing. made frequent threats of taking Saxton's life. Many of these threats are said to have been sent through the malls, and the federal grand jury setting in Cleveland last fall, indicted her for alleged improper use

of the mails. Mrs. George gave bond, and the indictment, so far as is known here, is still alive Sample C. George, the husband, is now reported to have been married to a second wife for more than a year. He is reported married in Wheeling to Miss Lucy Graham, of Alliance, and the marriage was kept secret until after the settlement with Saxton. As soon as George got his damage money from Saxton he annuonced his marriage Mrs. George Claims Saxton deceived he

THE NEWS AT WHITE HOUSE. Mrs. McKinley Heard of Her Brother's Death While a Reception

and deserted her.

Was in Progress. WASHINGTON, Oct. 7.-The news of the murder of Mrs. McKinley's brother was eceived at the White House about the time the reception to the Episcopalian council in session here was about to be brought to a close. Mrs. McKinley was receiving with the president during the evening, and was in her usual spirits. The news of her brother's death was a great shock to her. Several private dispatches were received at the White House from members of the family in Canton in regard to the tragedy. They were very brief, however, and contained little if any additional information to that of the press dispatches. The president made an effort to secure further facts over the long distance telephone, but this was working so unsatisfactorily that there was little re-

ward for his efforts. Mrs. McKinley expressed a wish to attend the funeral and accordingly hurried arrangements were made whereby she will start for Canton at 7 o'clock to-morrow The president, Mrs. McKinley's sister, Mrs. Barbour, who was at the reception also to-night, the latter's son, and several others will accompany her. Word received here is that the funeral will be held on Monday.

The unfortunate event will not interfere

The unfortunate event will not interfere with the president's trip to the Omaha exposition, save that he will not be able to leave here with the party as originally intended, on Monday morning, but, instead, will join them in Canton the night after the funeral. It is not yet determined whether Mrs. McKinley will accompany the president to Omaha, this depending entirely on her wishes in the matter.

THE EXODUS CONTINUES.

People Still Leaving Jackson and More Business Houses Are Closing.

JACKSON, MISS., Oct. 7.—Six new cases of yellow fever developed in Jackson to-day. One of the new cases is Mr. Earley, telegraph operator at the Illinois Central depot. People continue to leave the city and more of the business should be held. She rallied and thought she houses are closing. The spread of fever over the state continues, the city of Natchez being the last place to develop the disease. An unofficial telegram from there announces that Dr. Dunn, state inspector, has found two cases of yellow fever. Madison-Four new cases yesterday, three Madison-Four new cases yesterua;
Madison-Four new cases yesterua;
to-day. Edwards—One new case, one death.
Two new cases. Fayette—Two Harriston-Two new cases. Fayette-Two new cases. Starkville-One new case. new cases. Starkville—One new Water Vailey—Situation unchanged.

No reports have been received from the ther infected points. NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 7.-Dr. Souchon's for to-day is as follows: Orleans, one case, no deaths; Wilin, thirteen cases, one death; Houman Waterford and Mary's plantations. fever reported, but not yet confir West Feliciana parish, one case, no de cases in St. Charles' parish are in an

MORE BONDS CALLED IN. Missouri Will Pay Off \$558,000 of Indebtedness Next Week, Leaving

Only \$3,642,000. JEFFERSON CITY, MO., Oct. 7 .- (Special.) The board of fund commissioners, at meeting to-day, after providing for the payment of the semi-annual interest on the bonded debt and on the permanent school and seminary funds, due January 1899 cailed for redemption on October 1. 1889. called for redemption on October 15, \$558,000 of 3½ per cent option bonds of the state of Missouri. This reduces the bonded debt to \$3.642,000, a total reduction since January 1, 1887, of \$1.358,000. On December 31, of this year, a further reduction of at least \$500,000 will be made. This will result in an aggregate total reduction in the years 1873 and 1888 of \$1.586,000 and n the years 1897 and 1898 of \$1,858,000, and will leave an outstanding bonded in ness on January 1, 1839, of \$3,142,000.

WILL OBEY THE ULTIMATUM. The Sultan Will Withdraw Turkish Troops From Crete, According

to Joint Demand. CANEA, ISLAND OF CRETE, Oct 2 smael Bey, civil governor of the island of Crete, informed the Mussulman notables today that the sultan will withdraw the

day that the sultan will withdraw the Turkish troops from Crete in accordance with the demands of Great Britain, Russia, France and Italy, who, on Wednesday presented to the porte a collective note calling for a withdrawal of the Ottoman forces, and requiring an answer within a week from that date. Christian Church Boards Combined. WELLINGTON, KAS., Oct. 7.—(Special.) The state Christian church convention here to-day took the important step of combin-ing all the different boards for state work

in a single organization, with auxiliary departments for church extension, hommissions, Sunday schools and Christian Endeavor work. The statistical report from the churches were incomplete, bu hey indicate a present membership 0,000 for the denomination in the state. Creamery Man Turns Missionary. ABILENE, KAS., Oct. 7.—(Special.) J. K. Forney, manager of the Belle Springs Crenmery Company and vice president of the Kansas Creamery Company, one of

best known creamery men in the state, to-day for India to be a missionary the River Brethren church in that coun-t. His decision was announced to his try. His decision was announced to his family only yesterday and was a great surprise, as he is wealthy and one of the leading business men of this county.

BRIEF BITS OF NEWS

Dr. L. L. Uhls has been appointed a penexamining surgeon at Paola, Kas Nearly sixty Japanese insurance com-panies are expected to fail at any time on account of the close money market. William Dodd, of Perkins, O. T., took a large dose of strychnine yesterday, and died soon after. He recently suffered a sunstroke and had been mentally unbalanced since.

Dora Cox, the 15-year-old girl charged horsestealing, who recently escaped the Kingfisher, O. T., jall, where she been taken from Blaine county for had been taken from Blaine county for safe keeping, was captured at Burnett, O. T., yesterday. She was dressed in a red mother hubbard and man's coat and hat, and was heavily armed, and riding a fine

It was common talk that Mrs. George had J. J. KUNKEL, OF LAWRENCE, IN JAIL WITHOUT BOND.

ACCUSED OF WIFE MURDER

SUSPECTED, ALSO, OF NUMEROUS OTHER MURDERS.

Two Wives, a Son, a Stepdaughter and a Father-in-Law His Alleged Victims - Paid His Debts With Their Life Insurance.

LAWRENCE, KAS., Oct 7-(Special) J. J. Kunkel was arrested here to-day on a coroner's warrant charging him with poisoning his wife, who died ten days ago. He was sent to jall without ball to await preliminary hearing next Friday.

Mrs. Kunkel was the second wife of the man accused of killing her. She had one daughter, 15 years old, and Kunkel had three children. The union of the two familles did not prove to be a happy one. About six weeks ago Birdie Cummingore, Mrs. Kunkel's daughter, died in great agony, after the attending physician had pronounced her out of danger. When the doctor returned for his next call he found her dead. There was a glass of malted milk which Mrs. Kunkel told the doctor she had taken and immediately began vomiting. The doctor took the milk home with him and kept it until it was presented before the coroner's jury the past week.

Mrs. Kunkel told the neighbors that she suspected her husband of murdering her daughter and in a quarrel once she accused him of the crime and threatened to have him arrested. He passed it off by saying that she was insane. In a few days she became ill and summoned a physician. She told several neighbors her suspicions and said that unless she could soon get away her husband would poison her also.

During her illness Kunkel attended her himself, and would not allow anyone to enter her room. A few times the neighbors went in when he was away, and to them she said that she was being poisoned as her daughter had been, and exacted a promiwas going to get well. She sold off a part of the furniture she had before her mar riage to Kunkel and was preparing to go to Excelsior Springs, when she was taken worse one afternoon and died that night. without any physician being called. During the evening she vomited constantly and the two colored women in attendance begged Kunkel to get help. He told them she was all right and went to bed. In an hour they woke him and told him that she was dead.

The women who had made the promise about the autopsy went before the county attorney and asked that steps be taken to determine whether or not the woman had been poisoned, as she and they suspected County Attorney Mitchell summoned the coroner, Dr. Leonard, and asked that a jury be impaneled. A jury was secured, consisting of six well known business men, and the work of examining for the cause of death was commenced. The stomach was taken out and sent to the university for While this was being done the jury

examined witnesses as to their suspicions and the circumstances that led thereto. It was found that every neighbor was firm in the belief that Kunkle had killed his wife, but of course all depended upon the anaylsis. One night the county attorney and Deputy Sheriff Meyers went to Kunkel's house and asked to be shown to the room in which Mrs. Kunkel had died. One of the nurses had testified that Mrs. Kunkel had vomited on the floor, and that Kunkel had taken water and washed it up before anyone was called to lay the dead woman out. This piece of carpet was cut out and sent to the university, also the malted milk that Mrs. Kunkel had said Birdie Cummingore had taken and vomited. The chemical analysis revealed arsenic poison in the stomach, in the carpet and in the medicine. This clinched the evidence. and the jury brought in a verdict "that Mrs. Kunkel came to her death from poison administered by J. J. Kunkel and others to the jury unknown." It is not likely that the hint contained in the last clause will be followed up, as the public is practically united in the belief that Kunkel alone is responsible for the death of

his wife. The arrest of Kunkel followed. The case was set for hearing next Friday. Judge Norton, Kunkel's attorney, moved that the defendant be admitted to bail, but this was denied, and notice was given that proceedings to compel the justice to fix sail would be filed in a superior court.

As soon as the first case was disposed of the county attorney and coroner summoned another jury and exhumed the remains of Birdie Cummingore. The jury went to the cemetery this afternoon and secured the body. The stomach will be analyzed

Kunkel has been a merchant in this city for twenty-five years and has had a good many friends. For the past three years, however, he has been under suspicion by his neighbors for poisoning other members of his family. His father-in-law is cited as the first victim. The old man made his home with the Kunkels, and it alleged that, becoming tired of it, Kunkel gave him a dose of medicine that caused his death within a few hours.

The next affair that pointed the finger of suspicion at Kunkel was the burning of his barn and house. The barn was on fire first, but those on the premises first disinctly saw a streak of fire extending to the house. The house was partially destroyed, but most of the contents were saved. It was afterwards noticed that by some means the furniture had before been badly damaged, and Kunkel asked for the full amount of the insurance. This aroused the suspicion and it was fortified when the house was fired one night about two weeks ater and destroyed. Kunkel then moved over his store. Mrs. Kunkel became sick, and died with convulsions. There was much talk at the time that Kunkel poisoned her,

and the fact that he collected \$6,000 insurance on her life added to the belief that he had a hand in getting her out of the way. Four children were left. Freddie the youngest, was the next one to take sick. His life was also insured, and he

died under suspicious circumstances. Kunkel paid his debts with the insurance money so collected, and was apparently once more secure in business. The talk died down and was not revived until six weeks ago, when Birdle Cummingore died after a short illness. Mrs. Kunkel declared that Birdie had been deliberately and systematically poisoned by Kunkel. This was also the suspicion of the attending physician, Dr. Anderson. So firm was he in the belief that something would come of it that he preserved the medicine in which Kunkel was alleged to have put the arsenic poison. When Mrs. Kunkel died the neighborhood thought it was time something was done and laid the matter before the county attorney, with the result outlined above.

Public sentiment was strongly against The suspicions had been talked so gener-

Kunkel from the beginning of the inquiry. ally that an investigation was confidently expected to reveal poison. Kunkel did not appear to be worried. He appeared on the treet frequently, whereas he was formerly diffident and reserved. He would go out of his way to speak to people and called in his neighbors to tell them he did not blame them for their suspicions, but that his wife was crazy and was not responsible for what she said. To these neighbors he told that they never had gotten along well together, and he even accused her of committing suicide. Before the analysis had been given to the coroner's jury he went out on the street hunting bondsmen.

SHE KNEW TOO MUCH.

Denver Clairvoyant Who Claimed Knowledge of Murders Strangled to Death.

DENVER, COL., Oct. 7 .- Mrs. Julius Voght, a clairvoyant and medium, was found dead in her apartments on Champa street to-day. She lay on the floor, face downward. A twisted towel was tied tightly around her neck, and there is no doubt that she had been strangled to death. There is no clue to the murderer, but the police believe that the deed was committed by believe that the deed was committed by the same strangler who murdered three women on Market street in this city in 1894. Shortly after those murders. Mrs. Voght informed the police officials that spirits had given her, while she was in a trance, a description of the strangler, but he had never been discovered. It is thought the murderer of Mrs. Voght either believed that she did know something or he was also a believer in "spirits," and decided to put her out of the way and possibly save himself from exposure. Mrs. Voght had a brother and a sister. Andrew and Amanda J. Wright, living at 2021 North Broadway, St. Louis. Her husband is serving a term in the penitentiary for stealing bicycles. Louis. Her husband is serving a ter-the penitentiary for stealing bicycles.

WILL BE SENT TO DELAWARE. Governor Budd Says He Will Not Seek to Protect Mrs. Botkin From

Justice. SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Oct, 7.-In spite of everything that has been said to the contrary, another warrant will be issued for the arrest of Mrs. Botkin for the murder of Mrs. John P. Dunning and Mrs Dean, and she may be extradicted and

It was said yesterday that Governor Budd had decided not to issue a warrant or extradition papers, and it then seemed that the suspected woman would not be sent East to be tried. But this seems to have been a mistake, as the governor told Chief of Police Lees this afternoon that he would certainly sign the warrant upon which

NEWTONIA, MO., OUTRAGE. Buildings Belonging to Dr. Harrison

Burned and His House Blown Up by Dynamite. JOPLIN, MO., Oct. 7 .- (Special.) From Newtonia, Newton county, comes a report that reminds one of the days of the bold Bald Knobbers. Dr. Harrison, an old settler and the richest man in Newtonia, in-curred the enmity of some unknown parstable and a dwelling owned by the de tor were burned by incendiaries. tor were burned by incendiaries, and while the fire was raging the doctor's residence and private stables in another part of the town were blown up by dynamite and part-ly destroyed, while one family narrowly escaped death. The loss to Dr. Harrison is

A GREEN GOODS SWINDLE.

Clarence Ragsdale, of Moberly, Mo. Robbed of \$497 in New York City. NEW YORK, Oct. 7 .- Clarence Ragsdale.

of Moberly, Mo., a real estate dealer, came in here Wednesday to buy \$3,000 worth of "good money" for \$500. To-day he appeared in Gravesend police court as complainant against Harry lips, a green goods operator, whom he had identified as the man who sold him thre It bills and a lot of papers cut to a sin

Arrested for Counterfeiting. SEDALIA, MO., Oct. 7.—(Special.) John Tobb, of Pettis county, and James Patton and his nephew. William Patton, of Cooper county, were arrested last night three miles from Clifton City on the charge of having manufactured and circulated bogus silver half dollars. All three of the prisoners are well known in the vicinity of their homes and have never been in trouble before. They were taken to Clinton to-day for arraignment before United States Commissioners Jeffries.

Leedy Pardons a Jointist.

TOPEKA, Oct. 7.—(Special.) The first official act done by Governor Leedy after returning to his office to-day from his sick chamber was to issue a pardon to a Wichlat jointkeeper named Barney O'Connor. The jointist went to jail on August 1 to serve a five months' sentence for selling liquor. He was also fined \$500. Leedy helped him out in plenty of time to take a hand in the campaign.

For Desecrating Penn's Grave. LONDON, Oct. 7.—To-day the police ar-rested near Chesham, Buckinghamshire, a rested near Chesham, Buckinghamshire, a man who gave his name as Thomas Firth Woodward, and who is suspected of having desecrated the grave of William Penn at Jourdan's meeting house, near Chalfont, St. Giles, in Buckinghamshire. Woodward gives his address, The Retreat, York.

Killed While Resisting Arrest. PLATTSBURG, MO., Oct. 7.-James fones, a notorious character, was shot Jones, a notorious character, was she and killed last night by Edward Fowletown marshal, who was trying to arrest Jones. Fowler gave himself up to the sheriff and was released.

A Massachusetts Hanging. SALEM, MASS., Oct. 7.—Alfred C. Williams was hanged for the murder of John Gallo, an inoffensive Italian farm laborer, in the Salem jail to-day. Gallo was frugal, and robbery was the motive of the

An Ex-Mayor of New York Dead. NEW YORK, Oct. 7.-Ex-Mayor A. Onkhis home at 68 Washington square, South New York, aged 76 years

SPANISH NOT TO BE PERMITTED TO DELAY EVACUATION.

M'KINLEY GIVES FAIR NOTICE

MUST QUIT PORTO RICO BY OCTOBER 18 AND CUBA BY DECEMBER 1.

If They Are Not Gone Then, United States Forces Will Take Possession of the Government-More Vigorous Policy

Decided Upon.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7 .- President Mc-Kinley has cabled the United States military commission at Porto Rico that the island must be evacuated by the Spanish forces on or before October 18, and intimating that the Spanish commissioners ba so informed. In case of the failure of the Spaniards to complete the evacuation by are directed to take possession of and exercise all of the functions of government, and, in case it is found to be impossible to secure transportation for the Spanish troops by October 18, they may be permitted to go into temporary quarters until transports can be secured to take them to

Spain. This fact was developed at to-day's cabinet meeting, and it was also stated that, from this time forward, a more vigorous policy would be pursued with respect to the evacuation of Cuba. The president has notified the United States evacuation commission at Havana that the Spaniards would be expected to have evacuated the island by December 1, with a strong intimation that in case of failure the United States would brook no further delay, but immediately thereafter take possession of the government. At to-day's cabinet meeting two telegrams were read from General Otis, at Manila, stating that the Spanish government had requested that General Jaudenes be permitted to return to Spain. where it is understood he will be called before a court of inquiry to answer certain charges affecting his management of affairs in connection with the surrender of Manila. General Otis was authorized to permit the Spanish general to leave, together with several Spanish officers who are on the sick list.

In answer to inquiries it was stated that nothing so far had been received from the United States peace commissioners that was in any way significant, or that indicated that the peace negotiations were not

progressing satisfactorily. "The dispatches so far received by the government," it was said, "have been absolutely colorless, so far as indicating what the results of the negotiations are likely to

Senor Quesada, representing the Cubans in Washington, was at the war department to-day and presented a very distressing picture of the conditions on the Island "The inhabitants are starving," he said, "and unless something is done there will be very few people left. The country is devastated, the people have had no opportunity to plant and raise crops; they have no money to purchase supplies, and what food there is in the island is beyond their reach. The greatest suffering is in Santa Clara, although it is very bad in Puerto Principe. Only one port, Matanzas, is open, and its situation is not favorable to reaching other portions of the island. The Red Cross and the United States under the Geneva treaty, are not allowed to go be-yond the line designated by the Spanlards in carrying supplies to the people because they would be liable to be charged with smuggling. Our people do not un-derstand why so much time is taken in ending Spanish rule in the island. Before the war the American government gave Spain forty-eight hours in which to answer

the ultimatum, but now months are given for evacuation." 5,000 TROOPS ENOUGH.

Emissary of Cuban Government Says a Large Army Is Not Needed in Cuba.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., Oct. 7,-Mr. George Reno, bearing important messages from the Cuban provincial government, reached Jacksonville to-day, direct from the seat of the Cuban organization. He left to-night for Washington, charged with important information for President Mc-Kinley. Mr. Reno said that the Cubans had implicit confidence in the honest intentions of this government, and that it was entirely unnecessary to send more than 5,000 men there to maintain order in the island, and a large army would awaken suspicion, while now every Cuban is anxious to show his trust in this country and return as speedily as possible to the peaceful pursuits necessary to rehabilitate the island.

UNITED STATES INTERFERES. Objects to Any Delagon Bay Deal Until McMurdo Claim Is

Settled. LONDON, Oct. 7 .- A dispatch to the Pall Mall Gazette from Lisbon says the Delagoa bay negotiations have been deferred until 1899, owing to the United States insisting upon Portugal's strict observance of the agreement that neither the railroad, the harbor nor public lands at Lorenza Marquez be allenated until the Berne award is completed.

The United States is interested in these proceedings on account of the estate of the late Colonel McMurdo, an American, being

BRIDEGROOM IS 83.

Aged Missouri Farmer Determined Not to Remain Single-His Bride Is 20.

JEFFERSON CITY, MO., Oct. 7.—(Special.) Recorder Lusk to-day issued a marriage license to Philip Blank, aged 81 years, and Miss Mandella Hickman, aged 20, both and Miss Manuella Hickman, aged 20, ooth of near Russellville, this county. Blank has a good farm and probably some money. This will be his third trial of matrimony. His first wife died only a few years ago. He married a second wife last spring and she left him within a few days thereafter. He was divorced from her in July, and now has a license to marry again.

Go to Samon to Collect Plants SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 7.-Professor W. A. Woodruff and Professor C. L. Clehorn, of Washington, D. C., have sailed for Samoa. They are beading a government expedition to collect rare plants, shrubs and other specimens in the interior of the Samu'an islands.